

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-16, 18-29, and 31-35 are now pending in the application. Claims 22, 25, and 30 are canceled and Claims 34 and 35 are added by this amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

### **INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview granted with Applicant's Representative on March 9, 2009. During the interview, the rejections and cited art of record were discussed with the Examiner. Applicant's Representative argued that the cited art does not anticipate or fairly render obvious the presently pending claims and suggested that amending the claims to more distinctly claim a passage or throughbore would further clarify the claims.

Although no agreement was reached as to the allowability of the claims, Applicant's Representative believes that an agreement was reached that the present amendments would be further considered by the Examiner after filing a Request for Continued Examination. Further, the Examiner agreed to contact Applicant's Representative after filing the Request for Continued Examination prior to the mailing of any further office actions if all of the pending claims are not found to be in condition for allowance.